IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 7, and 14.

1.   (Currently Amended) A **computer-implemented** method comprising:

        identifying a device by a unique identifier stored within the device;

        obtaining the unique identifier from the device; and

        using the unique identifier in conjunction with a mapping table, wherein

the mapping table contains at least a column containing a plurality of unique

identifiers of devices coupled to a column containing a plurality of updateable

addresses of **one or more** drivers specific to each device, to obtain an address of

one or more drivers ~~a driver~~ for the device, and one or more columns that

include additional information **specifying a version of the driver to be utilized**

for the device ~~about the device, the device driver, or the device and the device~~

~~driver~~.

2.   (Currently Amended) The **computer-implemented** method of claim 1, wherein

program instructions obtain the unique identifier.

3.   (Currently Amended) The **computer-implemented** method of claim 1, wherein

the driver is obtained from a storage medium.

4.   (Cancelled)   The method of claim 1, wherein the mapping table also contains one or more columns that include additional information about the device, the device driver, or the device and the device driver.

5.   (Currently Amended) The **computer-implemented** method of claim 1, wherein a mapping table address is obtained from the device.

6.   (Currently Amended) The **computer-implemented** method of claim 5, wherein the mapping table address is obtained by using a service discovery protocol.

7.   (Currently Amended) A machine readable storage medium containing executable program instructions which when executed cause a digital processing system to perform a method comprising:

   identifying a device by a unique identifier stored within the device;

   obtaining the unique identifier from the device; and

   using the unique identifier in conjunction with a mapping table, wherein the mapping table contains at least a column containing a plurality of unique identifiers of devices coupled to a column containing a plurality of updateable addresses of **one or more** drivers specific to each device, to obtain an address of **one or more drivers** ~~a driver~~ for the device, and one or more columns that include additional information **specifying a version of the driver to be utilized for the device** ~~about the device, the device driver, or the device and the device driver~~.

8.   (Original)   The machine readable storage medium of claim 7, wherein program instructions obtain the unique identifier.

9.   (Original)   The machine readable storage medium of claim 7, wherein the driver is obtained from a storage medium.

10.   (Cancelled)   The machine readable storage medium of claim 7, wherein the mapping table also contains one or more columns that include additional information about the device, the device driver, or the device and the device driver.

11.   (Original)   The machine readable storage medium of claim 7, wherein a mapping table address is obtained from the device.

12.   (Original)   The machine readable storage medium of claim 11, wherein the mapping table address is obtained by using a service discovery protocol.

13.   (Original)   The machine readable storage medium of claim 7, wherein the unique identifier is represented by one of a manufacturer, a device class, a model number and a subnumber.

14.   (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

        a processor; and

a memory coupled to the processor comprising a machine-readable

medium having a machine-readable program embodied therein for directing

operation of the system, the computer-readable program comprising:

identifying a device by a unique identifier stored within the device;

obtaining the unique identifier from the device; and

using the unique identifier in conjunction with a mapping table,

wherein the mapping table contains at least a column containing a

plurality of unique identifiers of devices coupled to a column containing a

plurality of updateable addresses of **one or more** drivers specific to each

device, to obtain an address of **one or more drivers** ~~a driver~~ for the

device, and one or more columns that include additional information

specifying a version of the driver to be utilized for the device ~~about~~

~~the device, the device driver, or the device and the device driver~~.

15.   (Original)   The system of claim 14, wherein program instructions obtain the

unique identifier.

16.   (Original)   The system of claim 14, wherein the driver is obtained from a

storage medium.

17.   (Cancelled)   The system of claim 14, wherein the mapping table also contains

one or more columns that include additional information about the device, the device

driver, or the device and the device driver.

18.   (Original)   The system of claim 14, wherein a mapping table address is obtained from the device.

19.   (Original)   The system of claim 18, wherein the mapping table address is obtained by using a service discovery protocol.

20.   (Original)   The system of claim 14, wherein the unique identifier is represented by one of a manufacturer, a device class, a model number and a subnumber.